

Multi-Modal Transportation Commission

Agenda

December 3, 2014

3:00-5:00 PM

1st Floor Conference Room

City Hall

3:00 pm – Meeting Opening

- Welcoming of members, staff and public
- Introductions
- December 3, 2014– Agenda – review and approval
- October 22, 2014 Minutes – review and approval

3:10 pm - Public Comment - I

3:15 pm – New Business

- ADA – related work – presentation by Gregg Godwin, apprentice/intern
- Retiming Downtown Ped Signals –Jeff
- Endorsement of Transit High Frequency Route Pilot Project - Julie
- Bike/Ped Count update - ?
- Discussion of reconciling project standards so similar projects have similar sidewalk requirements - ?
- 2015 Officer Election - Jim

4:00 pm – Old Business

- Multimodal Plan and 10/25 Symposium Update – Mariate and Till
- Sidewalk Planning Committee update –Mariate
- Pedestrian Safety – Jim
- Rescheduling November/December 2015 meetings - Jim

4:30 pm – General Committee Updates

- Transit Committee
- Greenway Committee
- Bike/Ped Task Force
- Ex-Officio members' updates: on P & Z Commission; Sustainable Advisory Committee; Neighborhood Advisory Commission

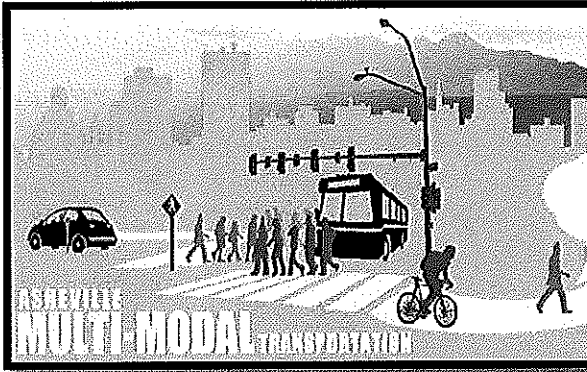
4:45 pm – Staff Updates

- Project Updates – attached (Mariate)

4:50 pm – Public Comment - II

4:55 pm - Next Meeting Agenda Items

5:00 pm - Meeting Adjournment



**Multi-Modal Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2014
3:00-5:00 PM
1st Floor North Conference Room
City Hall**

Commission Members Attending: Jim Grode, Bruce Emory, Don Kostelec, Mary Weber, Till Dohse, Kristy Carter, Terri March, Bob Roepnack, Steven Obremski and John Ridout.

Commission Members Absence: Julie Mayfield and Josh O'Connor

Council Liaison: Gwen Wisler

COA Staff Members: Mariate Echeverry, Janet GeorgeMurr, Gregg Godwin, Greg Shuler, Chad Bundy, Blake Esselstyn, Toby Shelton, Martha McGlohon.

Community Members: None

- October 22, 2014 Agenda: Move agenda item under New Business on Retiming Downtown Ped Signals to December. Till moved to approve; Bruce seconded; carried unanimously.
- September 24., 2014 Minutes: Correction Bike/Ped Task Force #4. Steven moved to approve; Till seconded; carried unanimously.

• **Public Comment:** None

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- **New Business:**
- ♦ A change in the metes and boundaries description of the intent to permanently Close a Portion of Bradley Street: - Greg Shuler: Due to an error in the metes and boundaries the process for closure was restarted and is presented again to MMTTC. After Greg's presentation Jim reminded MMTTC that this closure was approved at the September meeting.-Mary moved to approve; Bruce seconded; carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ♦ Update on Multimodal Transportation Plan and 10/25 Symposium Update:
 - Till announced that the Project Oversight Committee (POC) will meet on Friday 10/24; and the AIM Symposium is on Saturday 10/25 from 9:30-12:30pm.
 - Mariate described the two parts of the Symposium:
 - a. Mobility Fair to have exercises for the public to understand the priorities for the City and where there are struggles.
 - b. A fun activity with photo booth to post on hashtag and on the photo board that is stationed at the Symposium;
 - c. Launch of the survey on IPADS and large screen; the survey will open for two months;
 - d. Key note speaker, Don Kostelec along with a panel of experts for a question/answer session from the audience;
 - e. There will be a drawing for bus passes; tickets to the evens at Civic Center, parking passes;

- f. A bike corral that Yuri will be staffing.
- e. Press release was out two weeks ago; working with Communications and the Neighborhood Coordinator; County Commissioners; Mission; AB Tech; Mountain Express; Citizen Times; social media.
- f. Mariate received many emails of person who will not be able to attend but wanted to comment. Mariate recommended the survey on line; or on Facebook.
- g. Best time for input at the Symposium is from 9:30-11am before the panel discussion.
- h. After Kimley-Horn has finalized the volunteer schedule, Mariate will email everyone.
- i. Mariate stated that she received phone calls from disability people who will be attending.
- j. In addition to the Symposium, in the months of November and January, staff will go to community groups who are not represented due to the work load, etc. Mariate is working with Marsha Stickford, Neighborhood Coordinator to define the groups; the scope of the project; surveys, etc.;
- k. This information and updates will be posted on City's website Asheville In Motion.

♦ **Sidewalk Planning Sub-Committee of MMTC:** Mariate stated that the sub-committee discussed the process of considering the prioritization of new sidewalks and what are the goals of the prioritizations.

- a. Will help to identify what will be measured, i.e. safety, equity, connectivity, etc.
- b. Discussed in general terms the prioritization process and will meet again tomorrow.
- c. Gwen asked if there will be public meetings once the prioritization process is complete. Mariate stated once it is determined it will go to the community to determine their concerns and priorities.
- d. Jim stated that it would be 3 voting members from MMTC.
- e. Gwen stated Council received numerous emails and comments on when "their sidewalk" will be done.

♦ **Pedestrian Safety:** Julie, Jim and Tom Burnett attended the meeting with Sgt Coward.

- a. This issue arose from a report that Asheville has the highest per capita of pedestrian accidents rate of any city in NC.
- b. The group discussed what this conversation would look like and who should be at this conversation;
- c. The group is brainstorming to have a list of people to include MMTC.
- d. Jim asked MMTC of ideas of how the conversation should start and people who could be involved.
- e. As this is becomes more formal Jim will ask MMTC for a representative;
- f. Terri asked for the list of the participants with whom Jim has brained stormed with.

• **General Committee Updates:**

Transit Committee (TC): Bruce and Mariate reported:

- 1. Transit service improvements that are scheduled for January, 2015:
 - a. Sunday service (same as holiday service);
 - b. Discontinuation of one route;
 - c. Two new routes serving the Emma and Oakley areas; eliminating unproductive routes.
 - d. The unproductive trips, from the analysis are not many, perhaps ½ hour at the beginning of the trip which are small adjustments saving 3 or 4 hours here and there. Unproductive trips are based on the amount of passengers (5 or 6) per route.

- e. The system is performing at a level where nothing has to be cut. Some of the early trips are more productive more than 20 in and outbound. Those trips require further resources so that we can provide service.
- f. Ridership reports for this FY have been higher than previous FY.
- g. Lengthy discussion of the TC appointments. but did not satisfied David Wilson
- h. Retreat for TC on 10/24/14 and cancelling the 11/4 regularly scheduled meeting.

Greenway Committee (GC): Jim and Mary reported:

- a. GC retreat on 10/30 – cancelled October meeting.
- b. UNCA ribbon cutting for the Reed Creek greenway.
- c. That greenways are not only for transportation but to keep in mind the aesthetic, environmental and cultural advantages.

Bike/Ped Task Force: Till reported:

- a. Discussed the upcoming AIM Symposium
- b. Updates on grants and what that would mean
- c. Public comments on Merrimon Avenue and what a disaster it is for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- d. Bike Summit in October 10-12;
- e. A discussion in scheduling ahead for future Bike/Ped Task Force meetings during the holidays of November and December. A recommendation to hold the meeting on the first week in December. It was suggested MMTC to do the same scheduling ahead for next FY. Jim stated he was going to wait until everyone had their calendars available; but is on the future MMTC agenda.

Ex-Officio members –

P&Z: Kristy reported:

- a. Interviews for P&Z positions.

SACEE: Blake reported:

- a. Maggie Ullman is leaving to work as a consultant.
- b. Kirby is the interim Sustainability Director

NAC – Bob reported:

- 1. Nothing to report at this time.
- 2. Next meeting is on Monday, 10/27.

•STAFF UPDATES:

Project updates: Mariate

- 1. List of Projects is not updated at this time; but will try to get the list out to MMTC
- 2. Attending webinars for Tiger VI grants which there is a lot work before money is distributed.
- 3. Received funds through Federal Highway Administration. They have two models:
NCDOT administered the funds; but COA to wants to be direct recipient due to not having administrative costs paying to NCDOT.

Planning Department – Blake reported:

- 1. Nothing to report.

Public Comment: none.

a. Gwen is asking MMTC to be the messenger that City and Council have a plan for the RADTIP and the funds are already allocated and no extra funding for re-designing.

Mary suggested having an editorial – Gwen said that maybe at a later date.

b. Don stated that the CIP list presented by Cathy Ball and Ken Putnam is 5 year plan is still depended upon 50% from an external source like Tiger VI.

c. Jim stated that this grant enables the City to do what was initially planned and that it is not the time to add new items.

d. Don attended the Bike Summit in Greensboro where ~200 participants attended. Bike Walk NC - the state wide non-profit formerly NC Act of Transportation Alliances is advertising for a full time executive director. This will be the first time to have a person in the advocacy role at the state level around the first of the year.

f. Don will attend next Tuesday meeting of the NC Alliance for Health, Metro Mayor Coalition, and other large non-profits to look at joint advocacy groups to look at complete streets and active transportation heading in the long session of the General Assembly. Other groups include: American Heart, YMCA, large groups.

f. Don suggested for a future agenda item to look at the sidewalk policy to close the gap to get consistent application for all business developers .

Agenda Items:

3:53pm – Jim adjourned the meeting